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## Remarks

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Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 1-19 are pending in the application, with 1 and 2 being the independent claims. The claims have been amended to remove all multiple dependences. Claims 8 and 18 have also been amended to correct obvious typographical errors. Support for these claims can be found in original claims 1-19. The specification has also been amended to add the abstract at the end. This abstract is identical to that on the face of WO2004/089565 A1, the published international application from which the captioned application is derived. These changes are believed to introduce no new matter, and their entry is respectfully requested.

## Conclusion

Prompt and favorable consideration of this Preliminary Amendment is respectfully requested. Applicants believe the present application is in condition for allowance. If the Examiner believes, for any reason, that personal communication will expedite prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

Respectfully submitted,

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